

## **Unit 9. Middle Nushagak Corridor, Harris Creek to Nuyakuk River**

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### **Background**

**Land Status.** Most of the unit is owned by Koliganek Natives Ltd. No uplands are owned by the state in the unit. The Nushagak River is navigable; the state owns the shorelands. Four Native allotments are located in the unit.

**Miles of River.** The main channel of the Nushagak River extends for 12 miles.

**Access.** The unit is easily accessible by motorboat, floatplane, and snowmobile. It is moderately accessible by wheeled planes. The unit is relatively far from major airports.

**Existing Development.** No cabins or other development are documented in the unit.

**Fisheries.** The Nushagak River serves a major salmon migration corridor and provides important spawning and rearing habitat for king, chum, and coho salmon. Sport fishing for freshwater fish is generally good.

Subsistence fishing use is low. Sport fishing use is currently low, mostly commercial, and increasing as operators avoid other more heavily used areas.

**Wildlife.** Moose density is moderate; caribou density varies by season and is occasionally high. Waterfowl are fairly common in both spring and fall.

Subsistence hunting use is moderate, takes place in the fall and winter, and is based out of Koliganek and cabins in the unit. Sport hunting use is low, but increasing.

**Trails and Easements.** The following 17(b) easements are located in this unit: EIN 29, 29a, 30, and 30a. (Refer to the maps in the envelope in the back of this document for descriptions of these easements.)

**Other Values.** Scenic values are relatively low because of constricted views and low landscape diversity. A moderate level of floating use takes place in the corridor, most of it guided. The corridor is important for local trapping and woodcutting uses.

## **Management Intent**

Semi-primitive use experience.

## **Management Guidelines**

### **Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site)**

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.*
Temporary facilities	Prohibited.*
Trapping cabins	Prohibited.*
Boat storage	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Airstrip development	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Docks: permanent	May be allowed (case-by-case).
temporary	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

\* The state owns only shorelands in this unit. Permanent facilities and temporary facilities (except for floating facilities) and trapping cabins are prohibited on shorelands.

### **Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site)**

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

## **Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit**

- U9.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For development and other long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U9.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses will be sited to minimize evidence of human use.

## **Public Use Sites**

None.

## **Recommendations for this Unit**

None.